



Docket No.: NAGACO.018CP1

Customer No.: 20,995

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### AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Phan et al.  
App. No. : 10/087,549  
Filed : February 28, 2002  
For : METHODS FOR  
DECREASING NON-  
SPECIFIC BINDING OF  
BEADS IN DUAL BEAD  
ASSAYS INCLUDING  
RELATED OPTICAL  
BIODISCS AND DISC DRIVE  
SYSTEMS  
Examiner : Diana B. Johannsen  
Art Unit : 1634

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Sir:

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- (X) Amendment in 11 pages.
- (X) Copy of Petition to File Declarations on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventors Who Refuse to Sign or Cannot Be Reached Under 37 CFR 1.47(A).
- (X) Copy of Declaration in Support of Petition to File Declaration on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventors Who Refuse to Sign or Cannot Be Reached Under 37 CFR 1.47(A), including Exhibits A-F in 21 pages.

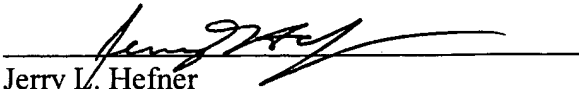
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